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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application to read as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

In particular, please substitute the below claim for the indicated pending claim with the same number:

T. (Four Times Amended) A method for providing updated digital signature key pairs in a public key system comprising the steps of:

providing, by a multi-client manager unit, selectable digital signature expiry data including at least public verification key expiry data, and selectable private signing key expiry

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